

REMARKS

Pursuant to the above-noted Office Action, claims 29-37 stand allowed, and claims 1 and 18 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, 2nd paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicants regard as the invention. Also, claims 1-14 and 18-28 are allowable if rewritten or amended to overcome the rejections under 35 U.S.C. 112, 2nd paragraph.

The applicants thank the Examiner for the thorough review of the application and the finding of the allowable subject matter in these claims. The applicants have amended claims 1, 18, and 31 to address the rejections for indefiniteness. More specifically, claim 1 was amended to remove language indicating a method within the claimed structure. The amended claim states that the member information regarding products is accessible over the remotely accessible computers. Moreover, claims 1, 18, and 31 were amended to remove the objected to language "procedures and functions" from the claims.

Next, the Examiner states that claim 1 lacks clarity regarding that information regarding products is stored and accessible in both central storage and in a distributed fashion. Claim 1, however, requires "at least some member information regarding at least one product" to reside "within at least one of the remotely connected computers." Thus, information regarding products must be stored in a distributed fashion, i.e. within at least one of the remotely connected computers. Additionally, claim 1 requires "a database server storing said member information regarding products." Thus, information regarding products must also be stored in the central storage database, i.e. the database server.

Finally, claims 4, 26, and 29 have been amended to remove the term "continuously" from these claims.


There being no other rejections of or objections to the claims, the applicant respectfully requests that claims 1-14 and 18-28 be passed to allowance in addition to previously allowed claims 29-37.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required in this application under 37 C.F.R. §§1.16-1.17 during its entire pendency, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 06-1135. Should no proper payment be enclosed herewith, as by a check being in the wrong amount, unsigned, post-dated, otherwise improper

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or informal or even entirely missing, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the unpaid amount to Deposit Account No. 06-1135.

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